



LOCKWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Where every student thrives academically, socially and emotionally

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Newsletter #12

April 30th 2020

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| 1 st May | Colour Run Prize Selection To Be Finalised online |
| 7 th May | Elmore Bakery Pie Delivery – 2:00-4:00pm |
| 17-23 rd May | Education Week |
| 27 th May | National Simultaneous Storytime Day “Chicken Divas” |
| 26 th June | Last day of Term 2 |

FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

LEARNING AT HOME

I want to personally thank all of our families for their tremendous effort in supporting their child/ren with their school work. This week our students and teachers transitioned to their virtual classrooms. Students have been able to video conference with their teacher and see one another. The response has been fantastic and I am sure it has helped students feel more connected – with their teacher and particularly with one another! Student learning tasks are all online in the classroom now. The tasks can be completed online or downloaded and completed offline. This work will help to monitor student learning progress throughout the term. If your child/ren complete their learning tasks on paper (and not online), they or you can take a photo and submit through the google classroom. Email your teacher if you need help with this.



To ensure all of our students are catered for, hard copy learning packs are provided for those who cannot access the tasks online. Packs are available for collection on Fridays and one of the staff will be in touch to organise a collection time. **Please remember the reason we are doing this - to stop the spread of COVID-19 and save lives.**

COMMUNICATION WITH TEACHERS – Teachers will endeavour to respond to parent emails at some stage throughout the day. Please note that between 9-12 teachers are: meeting with students, responding to student questions, preparing video lessons or supervising students. Messages received after 3pm may be answered the following day.

GOOGLE MEET

Google Meet is a fantastic tool for communication between students and teachers. The link for the Meet is always in the Classroom (on the class header). From next week, teachers will meet with individual and/or small groups for specific lessons.

However, in the interests of **Child Safety** and **Privacy**, please **DO NOT** photograph/video classroom Meet sessions that show other students. This **HAS NOT** been a problem at Lockwood but has happened at other schools. It is an important message to share with everyone. If you haven’t already, try adding the [Google Meet Grid View](#) extension (offered by: stgnola.org). On a computer this enables all children to be seen during the video conference.

DEVICES and INTERNET DONGLES

Last week our school loaned out 29 laptops to students who needed a device, but we are still awaiting internet USBs to be sent from the Department of Education and Training. Our school is on a waiting list. DET indicated that they are working through a priority list starting with students at the VCE level. So please be patient – we can’t give what we don’t have! In the meantime you could try ‘hot spotting’ off your mobile device.

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YEAR 7 TRANSITION

Information for parents regarding the transition for students from Grade 6 to Year 7 will go home today. This will include the paperwork that must be completed and returned to school for your child to be placed in a Secondary School for next year.

THANK YOU

Thank you to all those parents who have sent messages of support to our staff since the introduction of remote and flexible learning. This is a challenging time for us all and our staff appreciate the understanding and kindness that has been shown to them as they endeavour to continue to support your child and their learning as much as possible during this time.

PARENT HOT TOPICS

Each week we will feature a few of the questions that may be floating around in your head.



Don't forget if you have any questions related to your child's learning, their classroom teacher is your first point of call, however if it is a larger issue or something you feel leadership should be aware of please don't hesitate to contact me.

I can't get my child to do the work – what do I do?

First, and most importantly, don't stress. All children are trying to get their heads around the fact their parents are now the teacher assistants. All children at some point will find the world of learning from home overwhelming. The most important thing you can do for your child at the moment is to share your calm. If your child is finding things difficult, start with the easiest task for the day or the thing they will enjoy most. If they are having trouble with the learning send an email to your child's classroom teacher. They will be able to make phone contact and discuss the difficulties your child is facing.

How are the teacher's going to correct my child's work? From this week students have been submitting learning tasks online or taking photos and submitting those. For the younger ones, a photo of the work they have completed is ideal.

Teachers will provide specific feedback on particular learning tasks but not all. However, teachers are monitoring which tasks are not being completed, and making contact to try to further support.

Please see photos attached to this week's newsletter that demonstrate some of the learning that students have been achieving.

Student Safety Online

We have become aware that some students are communicating with their friends through Messenger For Kids. Please be aware that this is not a school endorsed app and parents should monitor the use of this online communication tool.

CURRENT NEWS

PREP ENROLMENTS 2021

If you have a child starting at Lockwood Primary School in 2021 and require an enrolment form, they are now available via email. Please provide a copy of birth and immunisation certificate upon enrolment. All enrolments should be made by no later than Monday 27 July to assist with our next year planning. Email Fiona at: lockwood.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au for your enrolment form.

COLOUR RUN PRIZE SELECTION – 1ST MAY

A reminder to families that the Colour Run prize selection must be completed online by tomorrow.

HOW TO ORDER YOUR PRIZE:

Between 24th April and 1st of May simply visit schoolfundraising.com.au and create / log into your Profile Page. Then click on the 'ORDER PRIZES' button and follow the prompts. (dates online have now been fixed so the prize portal is accessible)

Thank you for supporting our Colour Run and we look forward to completing the event later in the year.

IMPORTANT LINKS





Learning from home information for parents ([click here](#))
ABC Education –Educational shows on TV ([click here](#))

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|  | <h2 style="text-align: center;">Families</h2> <p style="text-align: center;">2020</p> <p style="text-align: center;">*activities when at home *health & wellbeing support *food relief & support</p> |  |
| <h3 style="text-align: center;">Phone Support</h3> <p>Parentline: parenting information and support 13 22 89 or 131 450 other languages</p> <p>Kidshelp for ages 5 – 25 1800 55 1800</p> <p>Mensline 1300 78 99 78</p> |  | <h3 style="text-align: center;">Keeping Active & Keeping Calm!</h3> <p>*Free, physical activities at home and challenge the younger ones! www.sportaus.gov.au/findyour30/challenge</p> <p>*Aim to increase calmness using this website/free app www.smilingmind.com.au</p> |
| <h3 style="text-align: center;">Local Support</h3> <p style="text-align: center;">Bendigo Community Health Services</p> <p>Counselling plus other health and wellbeing services including women's health and men's health services) www.bchs.com.au or phone 5406 1200.</p> <p>CCS (CatholicCare Sandhurst) provides counselling services to individuals, couples, families and groups across the Loddon Mallee and Goulburn Murray regions. Website or email@ccds.org.au</p> | <h3 style="text-align: center;">Websites for parents</h3> <p>Fun At Home fuse.education.vic.gov.au/Pages/funathome Activity ideas for home that are fun & can be adapted. For all ages and capabilities.</p> <p>Raising Children raisingchildren.net.au Australian Parenting website with apps, videos and articles Activity ideas for home that are fun & can be adapted and for all ages and capabilities. Plus topics - <u>sleep</u>, routines, behaviours.</p> | <h3 style="text-align: center;">Food Support</h3> <p>Bendigo Food & Financial Services 5441 5277</p> <p>Eaglehawk Community House 5446 8322</p> <p>Heathcote FoodShare 04111 580 781</p> <p>Echuca Foodbank 5480 8853</p> <p>Mt Alexander Community Pantry 0472 537 866</p> <p>Kyneton FoodShare at 60 Mollison St</p> <p>Central Goldfields Shire 5461 0610</p> |
| <h3 style="text-align: center;">Support for issues with gambling &/or alcohol?</h3> <p>Gambler's Help 1800 858 858</p> <p>Directline 1800 888 236</p> | <h3 style="text-align: center;">Family Violence & Safety</h3> <p>1800 Respect *Phone 1800 737 732 *To phone this service with an interpreter 131450 *www.1800respect.org.au</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Remind your children to wash their hands with soap & water for 20 seconds.</p>  |

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